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Quick Facts

Countries	Nigeria
Specific Location	Kaduna State
Financial Institutions	African Development Bank (AFDB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	C
Voting Date	2026-08-09
Borrower	Widows and Orphans Empowerment Organisation (WEWE)
Sectors	Agriculture and Forestry
Investment Type(s)	Grant
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 0.99 million
Loan Amount (USD)	$ 1.00 million
Project Cost (USD)	$ 1.12 million

Project Description

According to bank provided information, the goal of HORTISUN is to contribute to food security, import substitution and inclusive economic growth by strengthening the horticultural, particularly tomato, supply chain into a competitive, resilient and employment-generating subsector driven by MSMEs and smallholder farmers. The overall objective is to empower MSMEs to build a resilient, community-based and market-driven tomato supply chain that reduces post-harvest losses, enhances productivity and income, and sustainably increases the market share of locally processed tomato products in Nigeria. The specific objectives are to strengthen MSMEs in the tomato value chain, reduce post-harvest losses, increase productivity and income, and strengthen value-chain institutions. The project targets a 40% reduction in tomato post-harvest losses, a 25% increase in smallholder farmer income, a 30% increase in productivity, and the creation of 300 jobs, with 40% of jobs targeted at women and at least 50% at youth.

The Technical Support to Horticultural Supply Chain for Smallholder Farmers (HORTISUN) project is a technical assistance operation in Kaduna State, Nigeria, aimed at strengthening the tomato supply chain through a community-based, market-driven approach led by MSMEs and smallholder farmers. The project seeks to reduce post-harvest losses, improve productivity and incomes, expand the market share of locally processed tomato products, and contribute to food security, import substitution and inclusive economic growth. The project will promote improved post-harvest handling and processing practices, including tomato crating systems, solar-powered cold storage, climate-smart production practices, improved seeds, integrated pest management, water-efficient irrigation, weather-index insurance and digital advisory tools. It will also strengthen business management, extension services, farmer networks, market access and linkages between farmers, MSMEs, processors, financial institutions, research institutions and public agencies. The project is structured around three components: (i) enhancing MSME capacity in tomato supply chain operations; (ii) institutional strengthening and value-chain linkages; and (iii) project management and coordination. The first component will support 30 MSMEs to build farmer networks, improve business and technical capacity, provide extension and market services, and introduce improved post-harvest and climate-smart technologies. The second component will establish nine Tomato Communities of Practice and at least three Public-Private Partnerships to strengthen coordination, market linkages, policy dialogue and business transactions across the tomato value chain. The total project cost is USD 1.115 million. The Fund for African Private Sector Assistance (FAPA) will provide a technical assistance grant of USD 990,000, representing 89% of the project cost, while the Widows and Orphans Empowerment Organisation (WEWE) will provide USD 125,000, representing 11%. The project will be implemented over 24 months, with completion planned for March 2028 and closing in September 2028. WEWE is both the grant recipient and the implementing/executing agency, and will establish a Project Implementation Unit in Kaduna State.

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